

Blue Ridge Corridor Alliance

Board Meeting

July 24, 2014

Attendees- Jason Barron, Wally Bowman, Gene Bressler, Jane Doggett, Dan Gottlieb, Trisha Hasch, Eric Lamb, Stuart Levin, Chad Lefteris, Jeff Murison, Tom Skolnicki, Anita Watkins

Incorporation

- Incorporation papers filed. As of Jul 22, 2014 9:39 AM incorporation official
- By laws involve some moving parts and will be finalized in a few weeks—will they include provision for alternates
- Bank account – Need an employee ID (Jason, MorningStar). Suggest BB&T, which is on Blue Ridge Road as well as Hillsborough St.

Board

- Next meeting: amend bylaws. Motion for Chad Lefteris to replace Anita Watkins as Rex representative

Board members

Officers:

- President – Stuart Levin
- VP (representing NCMA Foundation) – Dan Gottlieb
- Treasurer (representing NCSU) – Ralph Recchie
- Secretary (representing Rex Hospital) – Chad Lefteris
- Board member (representing private development -Jane Doggett (Highwoods))
- City of Raleigh – Non-voting ex-officio member – Trisha Hasch

- Project manager – Jeff Murison

- Chad will invite Bonner Gaylord, District Councilor, to represent the City as a non-voting board member

Vote: In favor, unanimous

- Additional nonvoting ex-officio members as well as expansion of voting board – to be invited at the discretion of the board
- DOA– not participating, not contributing \$\$’s –BRC Alliance plans to maintain ongoing communication as we move forward though Speros Fleggas has pointed out that DOA is not state priority currently (may seek funding for revised master plan 2015)
- NCDOT – not contributing \$\$’s but involved in process and will act as resource
- DA&CS – maintaining an open mind with consideration for future involvement. Per recent conversation with Charlie Leffler, Chancellor will discuss with Commissioner Troxler in near future
- NCSU – meet with Jeff Merritt re: Centennial Authority’s involvement

- Stuart talking with State Employees Credit Union, Triangle Transit, Prairie Ridge, other stakeholders as identified

Funding

- NCMA foundation - \$5K
- Rex – \$10K
- NCSU – \$5K
- Highwoods – \$1,500
- Stuart Levin – \$10,000
- City – 1 to 3 match

Note

- While we've got a good start, Board needs to expand recruitment.
- The Alliance needs \$50K to fund consultant for 1 year (currently have raised \$42K total for coming year).
- Infrastructure – Jeff will assist with admin operations material, including web site.

ULI – Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

- Followup: Board received notes from Stuart, Grant and Trisha's meeting with the TAP committee (Mike Harwood, Sal Musarra and Larry Zucchini as well as Julie Paul, Exec Dir ULI)
- Estimated cost at this time: \$5K pending confirmation
- Note: HR&A is working with NCMA and may be a good idea to engage if the TAP is approved.

NCMA Plan

- Draft plan available for viewing at next board meeting

Rex

- well underway with the Heart Center; parking deck ongoing; bed tower will be 8 stories (late 2016). Recently, new signals on BRR at Mason Pond.

NCSU

- Link to stadium and new parking arrangements. Hillsborough/BRR new construction for biomedical center/vet school

OTP/Eric

- BRR Wade Avenue Bridge request did not meet NCDOT threshold. CAMPO has funds – go after. City will need local match. Sidewalks along BRR from Westchase to Hillsborough.
- Environmental work on going at grade separation project though funding for U4437 downgraded in recent STI prioritization-could be a candidate for TIGER grant.

- West CAMPO study – Gorman to Cary. Analysis of all rail crossings and how to expand transportation network.
- BikeShare – DT and NCSU as well as Rex top priority (and public recommendation). NCMA top named site for bikeshare in public comments
- NCDOT –I-440 widening project on going. Ligon St improvements and working with NCSU on improving connection across the Beltline as part of widening project